

# LIQUOR LEAK AT DRUG STORES HERE IS ALLEGED

## BIG TRADE BARED IN SECRET PROBE

Agent Brought Here From Another City Completes Report. Officers Expect Arrests.

Startling disclosures relating to alleged "leaks" of liquor and alcohol from drug stores and patent medicine establishments in Washington are expected by prohibition officials to result from a city-wide check-up of licensed stores and storehouses in progress today.

Agents working from the office of Edgar N. Reed, divisional chief for the District of Columbia, are today engaged in probing reports that the liquor leaks in various establishments throughout the city fail to show a correct balance.

Complete Report Soon.

The check-up, begun in secrecy some days ago, is now nearing completion, and a full report will soon be in the hands of Director Reed.

One of Chief Reed's first inquiries on reaching Washington to take charge of the local situation was on the subject of medicinal and industrial alcohol. He was also deeply interested in regulation of drug store sales of liquor on prescription.

When he left for the Middle West early this month he instructed Assistant Director Lester E. Evans to order the investigation at what he considered the psychological moment.

That moment came last week, Evans judged, and accordingly put the prohibition machinery to work.

For several days the check-up has been the main work of the office and minor affairs have gone by the board.

Agent H. C. Packard, who is not widely known among drugists, was chosen to take charge of the investigation. His territory comprised the entire District of Columbia, and he worked on the check-up to the exclusion of all other activities.

Hundreds of Visits.

It was estimated today that Packard's visits to date have run well up into the hundreds.

The results of his work thus far have been a closely guarded secret. It was intimated, however, that as a consequence of the check-up, restrictions on liquor and alcohol will be tightened and a number of arrests made.

Until today, prohibition officials felt that any publicity about the investigation would defeat the purpose of the check-up.

"It's all right," Evans said today. "The word has been passed all over the city and, if I'm not mistaken, certain persons are doing a lot of work on their books."

Evans said that in the ranks of those who are licensed to dispense liquor and pure alcohol, a well-organized system of "tipping-off" exists, and is used to good advantage whenever a check-up is to be made.

Loop Holes All Closed.

"We've tried to find out whether they use telephones or messengers or word around the word," said Evans. "But we haven't met with much success. If we were sure they were using the telephones, we might get the telephone company to cooperate with us. As we don't know, it would be foolish to ask help from that quarter."

The inspection now under way is probably the most searching of its kind made by the local prohibition office.

In view of Commissioner Haynes plan to strengthen the prohibition unit's forces during 1923, the Washington bureau has closed up all loopholes in the organization, according to officials, and is going to the bottom of reports of violations in the legal liquor selling line.

This is the first check-up of drug stores made by the divisional drug office, and agents engaged in the work are anxious to make a record for themselves.

Yesterday, the work of watching drug stores and other liquor and alcohol dispensaries has been done by the local agents of the Mary-

## Girls Show Shoes To Prove Good Sense

Adelphi Maids Would Disprove A. B. See By This Method.



A group of Adelphi College girls examining the latest models of health shoes approved by the Women's Foundation for Health, and which they found the Adelphi girls wearing to a degree of 90 per cent. These girls drafted a resolution in defense of college women against the attack of A. B. See, proving that they wear sensible shoes, and not "high ones" as Mr. See claims in his attack.

## HUNT EVIDENCE IN SLAYING OF FIVE

Police Fail to Gain Confession From Ben Burchfield, Alleged Killer.

By International News Service.  
BRISTOL, Tenn., Nov. 27.—Recovering from the effects of the most heinous crime in the history of all the Appalachians, Bristol was quiet today and authorities had settled to the task of securing evidence against the man they say slew five members of his own family.

Ben Burchfield was held without bond charged with the killings of a father-in-law, mother-in-law, wife, her sister, and his own little son, then setting fire to the little building they called home.

James Smith, fifty years old, the father-in-law, operated a small store on State street, right in the heart of the city, and exactly on the Tennessee-Virginia State line. The family lived in the rear of the store. Early Sunday morning fire burst from the building. Police and firemen rushed in, discovered the crime, and saved the bodies from the flames. The victims had been killed with a hammer or some other blunt instrument.

Today, although the building was completely destroyed, the spot of ground covered by the room the victims occupied plainly shows its blood stains—a grim, barren plot on the earth, as if a permanent marker.

Burchfield, who, the police say, had threatened to "get" his wife—they were separated—was arrested about twenty-five miles west of Bristol as he made his way on foot. Questioned for hours, he maintained a monotonous silence, only murmuring inaudibly as he was taken from the morgue, where officers brought him face to face with the victims, and placed in a murderer's cell at the Sullivan county jail.

## SENATE PROTESTS HOLD UP NOMINATION OF BUTLER

Protests against the appointment of Pierce Butler, St. Paul corporation lawyer, to the United States Supreme Court caused the Senate Judiciary Committee to hold up its report on the nomination today. Another meeting of the committee will be held next Monday.

Senator Nelson (Rep.) of Minnesota, the committee chairman, declined to disclose the source of the protests.

Land State office, under Inspector Thomas.

Maximum Penalty Sought.

With the absorption of Maryland's local office by the division of general agents assigned to the Capital, Thomas was removed from this work.

"The prohibition office does not intend to cause alarm among reputable druggists, physicians and establishments dealing in liquor and alcohol," Evans declared today. "We are after the men who are attempting to give a black eye to the druggists' profession, and whom all law-abiding druggists want to see out of the field."

It was indicated by officials that the maximum penalty will be sought for persons found guilty of violating their trust by illegal sales of liquor and alcohol.

"It is our purpose to put them out of business if we can," Evans said, "because if these people will break one law, they're likely to break another, and if there ever was a business where law enforcement and general reliability is important, it is the drug industry."

# Irish In New York Burn King In Effigy



A group of Irish people in New York burning a effigy of King George V. The effigy was made of straw and was dressed in royal robes. It was burned in a public square in New York City.

## Armless And Legless Infant May Survive

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—Baby Lebrasse, born last week without arms or legs, and who has been dangerously ill of pneumonia, is said to be recovering, although not yet out of danger. Attending surgeons have found traces of ligaments and bones and express the hope that as the trunk of the child develops it may be possible to attach artificial legs and possibly something that will answer for arms.

Mrs. F. W. Hills, of Lakeview, O., and Mrs. W. T. Hodson, of Alba, Mo., have written asking permission to adopt the baby and pledging to give her the utmost care. However, the parents announce they have accepted the situation and will give their child, or portion of a child, their tenderest care.

Surgeons who have watched the case closely express the prediction that the child may develop an unusual mentality. They believe nature will recompense in some striking way for the lack of arms and legs.

## HALL SENSATION IS GIVEN TO JURY

Slain Rector's Maids Testify. Vestryman Explains Doings on Night of Slaying.

By JOHN SPIVAK.  
International News Service.  
SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 27.—The grand jury investigating the murders on September 14 of the Rev. Dr. Wheeler Hall and his "wonder heart" choir singer, Mrs. Eleanor Mills, today was being given the most sensational testimony Deputy Attorney General Wilbur A. Mott has to offer.

Upon the session begun today depends whether or not a woman and two men are to be indicted in the murders. The final evidence or motive that could have actuated the murder or murders will be presented.

Louise Geist and Barbara Tough, maids in the Hall home, appeared again today. They are expected to tell their version of Mrs. Hall's movements on the murder night as well as the attitude of the rector and his wife toward each other. Mrs. Jane Gibson, "the pig woman," Mott's star witness, is yet to be called. Indictments, if there are to be any, are expected by Wednesday.

Gorline, reports have consistently held, had visited Mrs. Hall on the afternoon of September 14 with another woman, and had turned over a small package to Mrs. Hall. The contents of that package, believed by the officials to have been the passionate love letters found strewn over the dead bodies of the pair, was what he was questioned on, it is understood.

Gorline was questioned for more than an hour and was followed by Mrs. Michael McCabe, who heard the shots fired on the night of the murder.

**MARY M'SWINEY FAINTING; SISTER IS VERY SICK**

DUBLIN, Nov. 27.—Mary MacSwiney, sister of the late Lord Mayor Terence MacSwiney of Cork, who is in the twenty-third day of her hunger strike in Mountjoy prison, suffered frequent fainting spells today.

Her sister Annie MacSwiney, who is in the eleventh day of her hunger strike at the gates of the jail, was very weak.

**FLYER AND EDITOR HURT WHEN MACHINE CRASHES**

BRISTOL, Tenn., Nov. 27.—Harold Leishon, city editor of a Knoxville newspaper, and Jimmy Ray, pilot of an airplane in which the man came here last night to "cover" a news story, were badly cut and bruised when the plane was wrecked in making the landing. Both will recover.

## DEMANDS KLAN BE PROBED

Senator Walsh Avers Grant's "Outlawry" Order Should Be Revived.

By International News Service.  
President Harding should issue a proclamation against the alleged "outlawry" of the Ku Klux Klan if investigation by some government agency of the charges made against that organization are found to be true, Senator David I. Walsh, (Dem.) of Massachusetts, said today in an open letter addressed to Attorney General Daugherty.

Cites Grant's Order.

Walsh cited as a precedent for Presidential action against the Ku Klux Klan the proclamation issued against its predecessor by former President Grant in the 70's.

Walsh demanded that all the machinery of the Federal government be set in motion at once to determine whether the Ku Klux Klan is guilty of the "Unsubstantiated crimes" it has been accused of.

## New York Delegates Gather in Atlanta To Push Klan Drive

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 27.—Despite denials by national officers of the Ku Klux Klan that plans are being laid to concentrate in New York City with a great drive for new members, International News Service learned today on unquestionably good authority that such plans are in the making and that fifty-four delegates from New York City local Klans are in this city attending a special Klansmanship convention that will consider the plans.

## WON'T HAVE KU KLUX IN NEW YORK CITY

Mayor Hylan Declares Klan Is Conspiracy Against Law and Order.

By WILLIAM RANDOLF,  
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Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Mayor Hylan picked up the gauge of battle flung down by the cohorts of the Ku Klux Klan the moment he resumed his official duties today upon his return from his vacation in Chicago and French Lick Springs.

"The Ku Klux Klan is un-American and a conspiracy against law and order," he said. "I won't have it in New York."

Opens Membership Drive.

Defiant in the face of police, Federal officials and ministerial and rabbinical opposition, leaders of the Klan insisted they would conduct their biggest membership drive here in the next two weeks. The Rev. Dr. Oscar Haywood, organizer of the Klan, expects to meet King Kleagle Major E. D. Smith of Buffalo, and the Rev. Dr. Sam Campbell to "sow the seed" for the Klan in this city.

Jewish leaders are entering the fight on the Klan with great vigor. Congressman Nathan D. Perlman said today he will ask Congress to investigate charges that Jews in Texas were intimidated by Klan members from voting for George Peck, anti-Klan candidate in the recent election.

**OLD MASON PROVES HE CAN STILL LAY BRICKS**

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 27.—Volunteering his services, "just as a sample" of his work, George Volk, seventy-nine, who for fifty years worked as a bricklayer here, is rebuilding the Lincoln Highway marker in the Western section of Buenos Aires. The marker was completely wrecked when his recently by a motor car.

## FAMILY WIPED OUT IN POISON PLOT



Irving Henderson, his wife, and their four children were found dead in the kitchen of their home at Lancaster, Ohio, victims of poison. Photo shows the father and mother with three of their children. The mother was a religious fanatic and police are working on the theory that she administered the poison.

## HARDING MAKES BRITAIN VICTOR NEW PLEA FOR NEAR EAST

Emphasizes Need of Aid and Sets Next Sunday as Day of Observance.

By International News Service.  
President Harding today appealed to the governors of all States and the mayors of municipalities to set aside and observe next Sunday, December 3, as Near East Emergency Day.

"The needs as revealed in the latest cable reports from Grecian territory and the Near East far exceed all previous calculations made for this crisis," the President said in a formal statement. "The response to date has been altogether inadequate. I am sure that the people of the United States will grasp the magnitude and pathos of a situation involving the absolute known destitution of over a million and a quarter women, children and old men."

"I therefore make this supplemental appeal at this season of thanksgiving for God's blessings to us, for the human beings who are suffering in the stricken area."

"I request the governors, mayors, business and philanthropic organizations, and all other citizens of the United States to hold this tragedy in mind during Thanksgiving week, and I appeal again to you to make a response equal to the emergency of the generous heart and humanitarian spirit of our great republic."

"That this may be organized and definite, I hereby designate Sunday, December 3, as a special day of mass meetings in our cities and the climax to this appeal extraordinary."

**FAMILY OF FOUR KILLED AS TRAIN HITS AUTO**

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 27.—Percy Crosby, his wife and two children were killed here this afternoon when a railroad train demolished their automobile at a crossing.

## POLICE ARE BEATEN OFF

Use Clubs on Cops Who Try to Stop Demonstration for Mary MacSwiney.

By Universal Service.  
NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—King George of England was burned in effigy and police reserves from two stations were beaten off, as a climax to a parade of five thousand Irish Republican sympathizers last night.

The parade started following a meeting protesting against the imprisonment by the Irish Free State of Mary MacSwiney, Miss MacSwiney's brother Paul was among the speakers.

Policemen Are Clubbed.

Police attempted to break up the parade when it was learned that no permit was obtained, but they were beaten back by men and women wielding clubs. Two policemen were knocked down and disarmed.

Attempts to break up the parade were not successful, as the paraders were strengthened by hundreds of curious who did not seem to know what it was all about, but followed.

Effigy Is Destroyed.

When a dummy of King George was set ablaze a fire alarm was turned in, but the effigy was destroyed before the engines arrived. Police asked that how be turned on the crowd but the firemen refused.

It was midnight before the crowd dispersed of its own accord.

Commandant Murphy, leader of the Republican irregulars in County Kerry, has been captured by Free State troops.

**MANY LIVES LOST WHEN SPANISH VESSEL SINKS**

BARCELONA, Nov. 27.—Many lives were lost in the capsizing of an excursion steamer off the Spanish coast early today.

Ten bodies were recovered in a few hours by relief vessels, but seventy others were missing.

There were eighty passengers on the steamer.

**JUSTICE PITNEY TO BE PERMITTED TO RETIRE**

The Senate this afternoon authorized the retirement of Associate Justice Mahlon Pitney, of the United States Supreme Court, within two months because of illness.

A bill granting the retirement was passed unanimously by the Senate and must now go to the House for final action.

Prices realized on Swift & Company sales of carcass beef in Washington, D. C. for week ending Saturday, November 25, 1922, on shipments sold out, ranged from 1.60 cents to 15.00 cents per pound and averaged 12.60 cents per pound.—Advt.

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